

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile (1) with an intercalation (2) for fitting into a cartridge (20), the projectile (1) exhibiting a cylindrical free space (10) on its underside, and the intercalation (2) taking the form of a plunger (21) at its end facing towards the projectile (1), this plunger having a diameter adapted to the free space (10), characterised in that the projectile (1) is mounted onto the plunger (21), or conversely, so that before firing the plunger is not wedged in the free space and the plunger (21) is inserted-pushed into the free space (10) and wedged in the fire space in the course of firing.

2. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 1, characterised in that

- the free space (10) exhibits a projectile spigot (12) arranged on the axis of symmetry (22),
- the plunger (21) exhibits a bore (15) arranged on the axis of symmetry (22),
- the projectile spigot (12) and the bore (15) are substantially adapted to one another in diameter, and
- the projectile spigot (12) and the bore (15) are endowed with wedging elements (13, 16, 17) which in the course of firing and insertion of the plunger (21) into the free space (10) bring about a

wedging of the plunger (21) and therefore of the intercalation (2) with the projectile (1).

3. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 2, characterised in that the wedging elements (13, 16, 17) include a hollow cylindrical design of the end of the projectile spigot (12) facing towards the intercalation, the underside of the projectile spigot (12) exhibiting an inwardly inclined bevel (13), the bore (15) in the plunger (21) exhibiting a hemisphere (17) arranged at the bottom, and, in addition, a diameter reduction (16) being arranged on the wall of the bore (15) above the hemisphere (17).

4. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 1, characterised in that a ring (8) is connected to the plunger (21) on the outer periphery of the plunger (21) via a predetermined breaking-point (9).

5. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to Claim 4, characterised in that the ring (8) is formed in one piece with the plunger (21).

6. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 4, characterised in that ring (8) constitutes a stop for the projectile base (23).

7. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 4, characterised in that the ring (8) is L-shaped and with one shank (8a) encompasses the projectile (1) almost as far as the nose of the projectile.

8. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 7, characterised in that the one shank (8a) exhibits an inward-facing projection (24) which engages a corresponding recess (25) in the projectile (1).

9. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 1, characterised in that the nose of the projectile merges, via a bevel ~~(3)~~ with adjoining shoulder ~~(4)~~ running parallel to the axis of symmetry ~~(22)~~, with a plane face ~~(5)~~ running perpendicular to the axis of symmetry ~~(22)~~ and extending as far as the outer periphery of the projectile ~~(1)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 1, characterised in that the intercalation ~~(2)~~ consists of a plastic material and the projectile ~~(1)~~ consists of a readily deformable material, ~~preferably lead~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A cartridge with a cartridge case ~~(26)~~ and with a propelling charge ~~(27)~~, characterised in that a shotgun-barrel projectile ~~(1)~~ with an intercalation ~~(2)~~ according to claim 1 is mounted on the propelling charge ~~(27)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) Cartridge according to claim 11, characterised in that the upper end of the cartridge case ~~(26)~~ is retracted inwards by 180° and rests on the plane face ~~(5)~~.

13. (New) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 10, characterized in that the projectile comprises lead.